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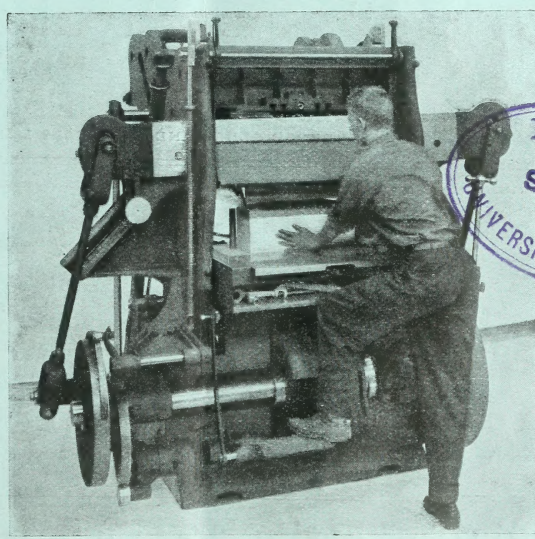
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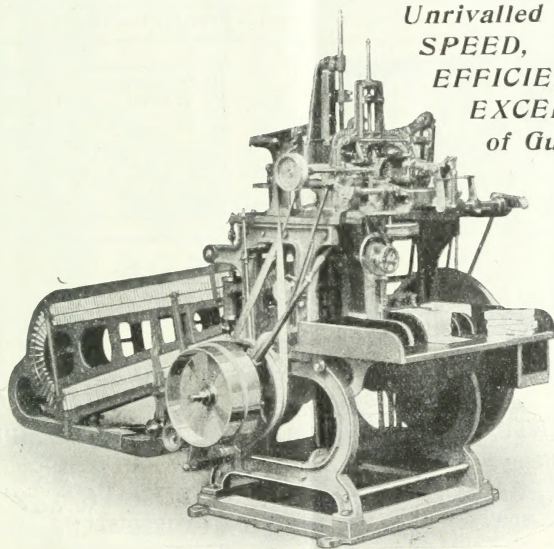
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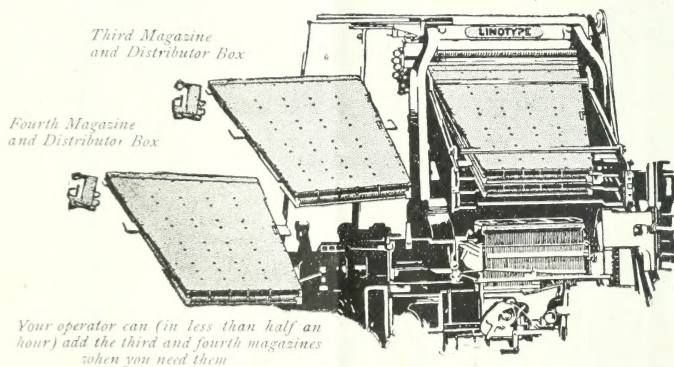
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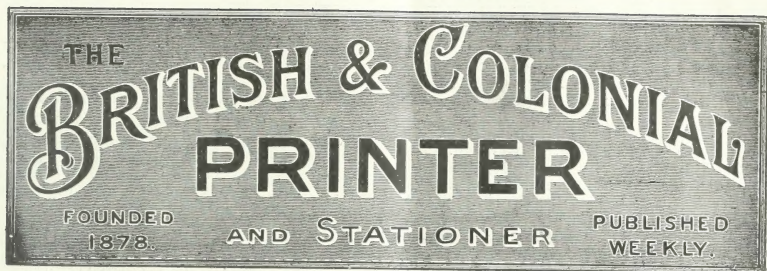
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The Lancashire Lightning Strike.

The Two Recalcitrant T.A. Branches
Precipitate a Very Serious Crisis.

In the hope of restoring peace in the Lancashire storm-centre every effort consistent with the preservation of the principle of collective bargaining and the upholding of the authority of the Typographical Association Executive has been made—both by the master printers and by constitutional trade unionism. The Manchester and Liverpool branches of the T.A. have, however, cast pacific negotiations and constitutional methods to the winds by declaring a lightning strike. Up to Thursday, it seemed that matters in dispute might be dealt with reasonably and satisfactorily by negotiation; but on Thursday evening the Manchester branch of the T.A. decided to strike without notice on Saturday, and the Liverpool branch reached the same drastic decision on Friday. No approach was made to the newspapers, no warning or explanation given, no conference asked. And this step was taken in spite of the fact that, as we announced last week, it had been agreed by the Joint Labour Committee to hold a conference between the national organisations on both sides on September 14th, to consider "the position of the members of the Typographical Association throughout the country," taking into consideration "the effect of the Rent Restriction Act, the increased cost of living, and the status of the printer," while it was arranged also that any increase of wages that might then be agreed upon was to take effect on the pay-day in the week commencing September 20th, providing the settlement was mutually ratified by October 2nd. Not only are the national negotiations thus disregarded, but the strike has been declared without any notice at all to the employers, whereas 14

days' notice is required by standing agreement in the trade, and such notice was in this case doubly obligatory in view of the specific guarantee given on behalf of the Manchester and Liverpool branches of the T.A. that a fortnight's notice would be given before drastic action was taken even in respect of the minor matter of overtime.

The injury inflicted upon the local newspapers—not to speak of the less direct injury to the community deprived of vital news—is, of course, very serious. Evening newspapers ceased publication on Friday night, there was no Sunday paper issued from the local offices, and this week there are—with one exception—no daily papers in Manchester and Liverpool. The exception is the *Daily Mail* which, having granted the extra 10s. demanded, is not affected by the strike and which seems inclined to boast rather than blush at its unique position in the organised printing industry. In the case of Liverpool, this is the first occasion in 112 years that the city has been without a morning newspaper of its own. Apart from newspapers, there are few enterprises in which a stoppage of this kind is so serious from a commercial point of view. That the newspapers are determinedly facing it is striking proof, if proof be needed, of the importance of the issue in dispute.

In the view of the employers, it is impossible to give way to a sectional and unconstitutional movement of this kind. To do so would be to wreck the present machinery for the adjustment of differences, and to strike a blow at the whole system of collective bargaining, which would be felt far outside the trade immediately concerned.

Outside of Manchester and Liverpool there

would seem to be a pretty general opinion in the trade that the strike is an inconsiderate and selfish appeal to force, in contravention of the lawful and agreed methods of action, the recognition of which is essential to a stable industry.

Speaking just before the strike to a press representative, Mr. C. W. Bowerman, president of the National Printing and Kindred Trades Federation, and chairman of the Joint Industrial Council for the Printing Trade, said: "If the men concerned take the course of action proposed they will be entering upon it with their eyes open, and it will create a very serious position. The matter of the dispute has been constitutionally dealt with as between the respective societies and the men's own organisation, the Typographical Association. The result of the conference at Stationers' Hall some few weeks ago has been accepted by every society and every branch with the exception of the Manchester and Liverpool branches of the Typographical Association. As I understand, these branches have practically defied their own executive and taken their own course. When one remembers that there is a body in existence, the Joint Industrial Council, which has rendered good service to the trade, it makes it all the more regrettable that action of this kind should be taken."

Mr. A. E. Holmes, general secretary of the Printing and Kindred Trades Association, and, on the side of the employers, Mr. A. E. Goodwin, secretary to the Federation of Master Printers, have expressed themselves in very similar terms.

It seems clear that the employers enter upon what may be a very serious conflict in the knowledge that they have left no stone unturned in seeking a peaceful solution. Indeed, one cannot but reflect that, in view of the outcome, the employers might have better served their own interests by forcing a settlement when the notices were expiring rather than exhaust conciliatory possibilities only to be faced, after all, with an accomplished strike.

Strike at Peterborough.

The strike at Messrs. Dyson Bros., Peterborough, in which 16 men are involved, has now entered upon its sixth week. The strikers are appealing for funds to other "T.A." branches. Mr. Thos. Roberts, of Liverpool, the new organiser, is conducting the negotiations.

The causes of the strike are the rates of pay for the two colour machines, the question of female labour on the monotype, and a non-union worker in the machine-room.

Mr. C. W. BOWERMAN, Mr. W. Adamson, Mr. J. H. Thomas, and Mr. H. S. Lindsay have wired the Prime Minister asking, in the name of organised Labour, that the Government's decision to allow the Lord Mayor of Cork to die in Brixton prison be reconsidered.

From Prison to Printing House.

Changed Scenes at Marshalsea.

A London printing office which can claim unusually interesting links with the past is the Marshalsea Press (Messrs. J. J. Keliher and Co., Ltd.), situate at 11, Marshalsea-road, S.E.1.

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"Strange indeed is the change that has come over this building. Once a stagnant backwater, choked with the fotsam of life's failures—full of despair and hopelessness—it is now humming with the ceaseless activity and continuous effort inseparable from the modern printing office."

Sites for Printing Works.

Particulars have been received by the L.M.P.A. from the L.C.C. for the information of members of the Association who might be disposed to take up land on certain L.C.C. estates on 99 or 999 years' lease for the erection of printing works in pleasant surroundings and within reasonable distance of London proper. The sites in question are situated on (1) the Dagenham estate (Essex—between Ilford, Barking and Dagenham), where it is intended to provide 18,000 working-class dwellings; (2) the Grove Park estate (between Bromley-road and Baring-road, Grove Park, Lewisham), where 4,500 dwellings are to be provided; and (3) the Bellingham estate (off Bromley-road and Southend-lane, Catford—Lewisham), where dwellings are to be provided to the number of 2,000.

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Sir John Benn on Printers' Prices.

Benn Brothers' Annual Meeting.

Presiding at the twenty-fourth annual general meeting of Benn Brothers, Ltd., held on Friday, Sir John Benn, Bt., D.L., J.P., L.C.C., reported that the company's revenues from advertisements and subscriptions had risen during the year by some £70,000, but that almost the whole of this large sum had been absorbed in increased expenditure, the greater part of it going directly to "our friends, the printers and papermakers."

"Personally," said Sir John, "I do not complain of the increases which have taken place in the wages of printers' operatives. Having regard to the exceptional skill necessitated in the art and practice of printing, I still think that many members of that craft cannot be regarded as overpaid. Indeed, if the present level of wages for unskilled labour is to be regarded as permanent, there will, in my judgment, be a need for a further advance in the rates paid to several classes of our workers. But I do confess to a feeling of alarm at the growing disregard of the need of increased production. Any failure to maintain a reputation for the highest rate of production attainable is a definite disservice to the community as a whole, and a damaging blow to the industry upon which both printers and publishers so largely depend. Our organisation, which I venture to think is no exception among publishing enterprises, has for the past few years been carried on very largely for the benefit of the printers rather than the publishers. Since war began our printing charges have increased nearly two-and-a-half times, while payments to our shareholders have remained stationary."

"Neither do I complain of the prosperity which has been so apparent among our friends the master printers. Printing wages have leapt ahead, and so have printers' prices, and printers' profits have kept well up in the race. I think that master printers should now reconsider their position, with a view to seeing how far they can secure the profits they desire out of increased turnover rather than out of higher prices. The well-being of this country depends upon cheap printing, and there is a vast mass of new thought and information which is now, alas! denied to the public by reason of the prohibitive level of printing prices."

Sir John, however, was able to state that his company is paying a dividend which is twice as large as the return obtainable from British Government stock, and he intimated that the company's business to-day is four times as large as it was before the war.

An interesting point in Sir John Benn's speech was a reference to a scheme whereby employees of the company are able to become shareholders of the company on level terms with other shareholders. "We do not create special classes of shares or impose special con-

ditions," said Sir John, "as in our view such arrangements merely tend to accentuate in stead of removing those distinctions between employers and employed which the new order in industry will eventually efface."

Rotary Duplicating and the Printer.

During recent experiences of diminishing printing orders the rotary duplicator has often been referred to by the printer in no very friendly fashion. He has regarded this useful machine as a trespasser upon his special domain, threatening to take out of his hands a large class of work which he has been accustomed to regard as properly his own. One enterprising firm of London printers tackles this matter in interesting fashion, taking the bull by the horns by means of a plan thus announced: "Acknowledging the demand for a rapid facsimile letter service by our clients, a rotary duplicating plant has been laid down at our Kingsway branch for the rapid reproduction of form-letters, internal forms and the like. These letters which are printed from typewriter type through a ribbon, are produced very quickly, and can be matched to any style of type for filling in. Signatures can also be printed in, but the blocks take a little time to prepare, so it is as well to have these made in advance of actual requirements. Three hours is sufficient to produce 1,000 average letters on customers' headed paper, and the process is largely in favour among merchants who have lines to offer at spot prices."

New British Patents.

Applications.

- Arkell Safety Bag Co. Making crinkled paper. 24,290.
- Frenkell and Co., and Strandars, J. Show-cards, etc. 24,136.
- Lever, E. F. Folding cartons, etc. 24,104.
- Newsom, G. Rotary bronzing machines. 24,214.
- Schwartz, Y. A. F. Photographic printing. 24,208.

Specifications Published, 1919.

- Serafin, G. Means for lithographing writings and designs. 149,373.
- Hern, A. C. Loose-leaf indexes, ledgers and the like. 149,579.
- Morton, E. D. Method of closing or sealing containers made of tin, metal, cardboard or similar material. 149,436.
- Ahern, A. M. Means for feeding and counting sheets and like flat articles. 149,505.

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- Valentine, H. J. Children's toy books. 149,586.
- Valentine, H. J. Toy books. 149,595.

Printers' Medical Aid Association.

The Twelfth Annual Meeting.

Mr. C. W. Bowerman, M.P., presided at the twelfth annual meeting of the Printers' Medical Aid Association on Wednesday of last week at the offices of the London Society of Compositors, St. Bride-street, when there was a representative attendance.

The secretary, Mr. Arthur O'Connor, presented a most satisfactory report, the receipts totalling £5,873 19s. 5½d., an increase of £2,789 18s. 8d. on the income of the previous year. The expenditure amounted to £4,555 18s. 10d., while at the end of the year a balance remained of £1,898 6s. 5½d. The thanks of the Association were tendered to Viscount Northcliffe in respect of the appeal he has made on behalf of the Association. The secretary remarked that the Association's growing popularity was largely due to the publicity given by that appeal—a publicity that was the means of bringing along many new and regular subscribers.

The report stated that during the year under review no fewer than 10,296 Letters were issued, representing a weekly issue of over 200 per week, and showing a total issue since the inception of the Association of 50,219. Letters to the number of 261 were issued for convalescent homes and sanatoria; for surgical appliances, 2,862; for spectacles, 5,221; and for patients to special hospitals, 1,952. The custodians of the 183 first aid equipments attended to 5,723 accident cases, the equipments being maintained by the Association. Massage treatment had now been introduced, the Association having secured the services of a skilled masseur, under medical supervision. A feature of the report was the small cost of administering the benefits, the management cost being £874 2s. 10d., a sum which works out at less than one-fifth of a penny per pound of expenditure. The report was unanimously adopted.

The balance-sheet having been well considered, Mr. B. Stafford, auditor, expressed the satisfaction he and his colleagues felt regarding the accounts. Mr. Arthur O'Connor was then re-elected secretary, and Mr. Deuvall (composing department, Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son), was elected auditor in place of Mr. A. P. Payne.

The Committee were re-elected, vacancies caused by the demise of Mr. H. J. Chadband and the retirement of Mr. Chittenden were filled by Mr. S. W. Perry (composing department, *Westminster Gazette*), Mr. E. Griffin (composing department, Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son), and Mr. E. J. Flowerday (machine manager, Messrs. Odhams). The secretary was instructed to communicate with the Electrotypers' Society regarding representation.

The next item, to reconsider the wages of the secretary and his assistant—was productive of considerable discussion, in which

Messrs. Fish, Cross, Deuvall, Bonner, Flowerday, Catford, Woodcock, Joseph and Collis took part. It was ultimately agreed, with but four dissentients, that the salary of the secretary be £8 8s. and the assistant, £4 15s. per week.

Mr. W. H. Christopher (Printers' Pension Corporation), having expressed his satisfaction, as senior trustee of the Association, with the work of the secretary and his assistant, it was agreed that extra assistance be engaged for the office work.

Mr. Edgell requested that a periodical inspection of the first aid equipments be arranged for, and this was supported by Mr. G. T. Richards, and agreed to.

Mr. Reeve having raised the question as to the guarantee of collectors,

Mr. Catford asked what would be the ultimate end of the Association when the Ministry of Health carry out their full programme. It was then explained that if the Ministry of Health did no better than the National Health Insurance Commissioners there was nothing to bother about.

The 47th quarterly report was then presented and it was agreed that a sum of £600 be placed upon deposit in the Co-operative Wholesale Bank.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Bowerman for presiding concluded a most successful meeting.

Printers' Co-operative Advertising.

Advertising in local papers by members of local master printers' associations is being practised by more than one branch of the big U.S. master printers' organisation, the United Typothetæ of America. The aim of the advertisements is, of course, to increase printing orders in the locality, enabling every member to indulge in local newspaper advertising at a cost far less than would ordinarily be possible, and the advertisements are adapted to draw special attention to those printing firms who are Typothetæ members. Members are urged by their Association to use the emblem of the United Typothetæ of America, and in the advertisements this emblem is prominently figured. The public is informed as to the meaning of the emblem, and mention is made that printers using it are governed by the standard code of ethics of the United Typothetæ of America to which members are pledged. Among such advertisements issued by the Houston-Galveston (Texas) master printers, the following are the titles of several: "Printing that Hits the Mark," "The Master Printers' Mark," "Are Printing Prices Fair?" "A Guide to Good Printing," "Buy Your Printing in Houston," "Wasted Printing," "Your Printing is Yourself," "Buy Your Printing by Trademark," "How to Choose Your Printer," "Profit and Printing," "Fine Printing is an Art."

AN Advertisement is always working.

Bookbinding Materials.

The Oxford University Press gives the following definitions of bookbinding materials as used in the production of their Bibles:—

Keratol is a leather substitute, which will give good service. It is used widely nowadays, on account of the scarcity of leather.

French Morocco is sheepskin, and is used for binding medium-priced Bibles. Has fair wearing qualities.

Alaska Seal is cowhide; has a seal or rough grain, and wears very well.

Persian Morocco is a fine-grain goat skin of very good wearing qualities.

Real Morocco is a high grade goat skin, and is a strong, durable leather that can be relied upon to give complete satisfaction. Bibles bound in this leather may be used for years without showing any sign of wear.

Levant Morocco is also of goat skin, made into leather by processes for which France enjoys a high reputation.

Sealskin is both handsome and durable. Only the finest grade Bibles are bound in it.

U.S. Master Bookbinders.

An effort is on foot to form a national association of the master bookbinders of America. Mr. Alfred E. Ommen, who has for some years been counsel for the Employing Bookbinders' Association of New York, is taking a lead in the formation of the proposed new organisation. In a circular issued to the trade he emphasises the value of a national organisation. "It affords opportunity," he says, "to bookbinders of the country to mix freely with each other; to establish a spirit of fraternal respect and mutual helpfulness; to have uniform trade customs, which in time become the law of the industry; to establish uniform cost systems; to have an estimate blank with identical items applicable to the whole country; to provide a forum for the discussion of trade matters generally; to nationally handle the problem of waste disposal; to collect and tabulate data concerning labour conditions throughout the country; to establish arbitration boards; watch legislation affecting the industry; provide entertainment that friendships may be made; to exchange reliable information relative to the best methods of conducting business from the standpoint of practical experience; to build up better trade relations between individual bookbinders, and between bookbinders and others engaged in the allied trade; and to co-operate in all affairs of the industry for the general welfare of those engaged therein."

With the object of founding the proposed national association, a convention is to be held at St. Louis on September 13th, 14th, and 15th.

Australian Cinema Advertising.

The *Commonwealth Gazette* of June 8th, 1920, contains a Proclamation, dated June 9th, 1920, prohibiting the importation of advertising matter for use in connection with the exhibition of cinematograph films unless (a) one specimen of each piece of advertising matter is deposited with the Commonwealth Film Censorship, and is passed by them for importation, and (b) the importer gives security (for such amount as the Collector of Customs for the State in which the advertising matter is imported deems necessary), that it shall not be used otherwise than in the form in which it was passed for importation.

The term "advertising matter" includes posters, photographs, sketches, programmes, slides, and other advertising matter for use in connection with the exhibition of moving pictures.

Openings for British Trade, etc.

Inquiries have been received by the Department of Overseas Trade (Development and Intelligence), 35, Old Queen-street, London, S.W.1, to whom further inquiries should be addressed with the reference number quoted.

CANADA.

An English firm of mechanical engineers, established in Montreal, desire the representation of British manufacturers of engines, heavy machinery, pulp machinery, etc. (Reference No. 220.)

A Toronto firm desire to get into touch with United Kingdom manufacturers of bond papers. (Reference to Office of High Commissioner for Canada, 19, Victoria-street, S.W.1.)

NEWSVENDORS' FESTIVAL DINNER.—On Wednesday, October 20th next, the Earl of Athlone is to preside at the festival dinner of the Newsvendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution, which will be held at the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant. The purpose of the festival is to enable the committee to carry on the charitable work by which necessitous and aged newsvendors have been assisted throughout the past 80 years. At the present time the depreciated value of money considerably increases the difficulty of rendering adequate aid.



Trade Notes.

THE stamp duty on receipts for sums of £2 and over, hitherto 1d., is increased to 2d. on and after the 2nd inst.

THE first annual outing of members of the clerical staff of the United Newspapers (1918), Ltd., was a trip on Saturday to Windsor and Burnham Beeches.

A SYNDICATE has recently been formed at Seville to purchase printing ink in bulk for local consumers. Supplies have hitherto come from England, France and Italy.

By the death of Anders Zorn, which was announced at Stockholm on August 22nd, the art of etching in Europe has been deprived of one of its most distinguished personalities.

THE Newspaper Golfing Society have arranged to hold a week-end autumn meeting on the North Foreland course on Saturday and Sunday, September 25th and 26th. Entries must be sent to Brigadier-General W. N. Campbell, *Eve* offices, 6, Great New-street, E.C., not later than September 17th.

MR. WILLIAM REED, one of the pioneers of trade journalism, died at his house in Onslow-gardens, in his 90th year. Mr. Reed founded the *Grocer* in 1861, and during the next few years he established successively the *Wine Trade Review*, the *Brewers' Journal*, the *Tobacco Trade Review*, and the *Architect*.

A WRIT for libel has been issued in the King's Bench Division against Mr. H. A. Gwynne, editor of the *Morning Post*, at the instance of Mr. W. F. Watson, of Inderwick-road, Hornsey, who claims damages for an alleged libel contained in an article, "The Bolshevik Plot in England," published in the *Morning Post* on August 3rd.

THE last Sunday in April next is the date of the census to be taken throughout Great Britain. Owing to a reduction in the size of the census schedule it is calculated that a saving of £8,000 will be effected in the cost of paper, but the general cost will mount from £196,000 for England and Wales and £41,000 for Scotland, to £500,000.

THE new syllabus and time-table for the next session of the Journalism Diploma Course, which the University of London instituted last session, is now published. Application for admission and all inquiries may be made to Mr. F. E. Powell, organising secretary for the Journalism Committee, University of London, South Kensington, S.W.7.

STATISTICS show that there are now about 22,500 newspapers in the United States and Canada. This is a decrease of 2,100, or about 9 per cent., in ten years—and that in the face of the fact that the country is moving forward and all kinds of businesses are developing by leaps and bounds. The high and ever-increasing cost of paper is blamed for the fact

that there is a decrease in an important industry where an increase was to have been expected.

MR. W. J. Taylor, of 13, Jubilee-drive, Liverpool, mechanical superintendent of the *Liverpool Post and Echo*, left £1,609 (net personalty, £1,316).

MR. ARTHUR FORMAN, who until his retirement last year was senior proprietor of the *Nottingham Daily Guardian* and its allied newspapers, died on Saturday at the age of 72.

THE unlimited possibilities in the way of the multiplication of house organs is suggested by the appearance of *Progress*, the journal of the Great Northern Central Hospital.

THAT great Argentine newspaper, *La Nacion*, of Buenos Ayres, has celebrated its jubilee and has marked the occasion by the issue of a gigantic supplement thoroughly typical of its enterprise.

NEW coal prices came into operation yesterday in consequence of the higher railway rates which now apply. The increase throughout the country varies up to 4s. per ton. In London the increase is 2s. 10d. per ton.

GREAT public interest in India attaches to the proceedings just instituted against the *Tribune*, a newspaper at Lahore, by Lieutenant Hewitt, of the 37th Dogras, for defamation of character. The damages claimed are 20,000 rupees (£2,000).

SERIOUS damage was done by a fire which broke out last week on the premises of Messrs. Walker and Sinclair, lithographic printers, Swinton Row, Edinburgh. The fire was soon extinguished, but not before the contents of a shop on the ground floor had been destroyed and the first floor damaged.

THE set of poster stamps depicting George Robey in his different rôles—designed in aid of the war orphan funds of the Printers' Pension Corporation—are now on sale at all bookstalls and newsagents, or may be had direct from George Robey, 20, High Holborn, W.C.1, 1s. 2d. for twelve, post free.

THE Jarrow *Express*, a weekly newspaper which was established 50 years ago, has ceased publication. The *Express* was founded by Mr. Thomas Robinson, and directed by him up to about 15 years ago, when he retired and settled at Rowlands Gill. The paper had since been conducted by a son, Mr. G. T. Robinson, who has briefly announced the close of its career.

NATIONALISING JOURNALISM.—One of the speakers at the Friends' Oxford Conference last week was Mr. Walter R. Bayes, of the *Daily News*, who spoke on "Publicity." Mr. Bayes was very outspoken in his analysis of some of the defects of present-day journalism, and condemned especially the "dastardly" way in which news was mangled between continents and countries. He said that a scheme had already been prepared for the nationalising of journalism on a guild basis.



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1920.

Current Topics.

The Unauthorised Strike.

AS THE days pass, the effect of the cessation of newspaper publication in Manchester and Liverpool proves cumulative. Business men are perhaps the hardest hit, the deprivation of local commercial news being a very serious handicap. The stoppage is bringing home vividly to the general public the vital function performed by the newspaper in modern life. There is no indication, at the time of going to press, of any approach towards a settlement. At the conclusion of a large and representative meeting held in Manchester on Tuesday of the Federation of Master Printers of Great Britain, jointly with the newspaper organisations, the following official statement was issued: "The whole of the employers were very firm in their determination to resist the action of the recalcitrant branches of Manchester and Liverpool, and a communication on these lines was despatched to the Typographical Association Executive." On the

men's side, the branches on strike maintain their determined attitude, while the National Executive of the Typographical Association stands aloof for the time being.

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Payment for Holidays.

THE *Labour Gazette* draws attention to the extent to which holidays with pay have been granted since the armistice. A list of some 50 industries or occupations are set out where the principle has been acceded to, the periods varying from 3 to 14 days. A number of the trades which have made the concession are closely allied to the paper industry. Among these are printing and bookbinding, paper-bag making and heavy chemical manufacture. In these cases the principle is provided for under general agreements, and in addition district agreements apply it in London to copperplate engraving, typefoundry and newspaper printing. With regard to pieceworkers in the printing and bag-making trades, they receive amounts calculated on their average earnings for the previous six months. In some of the agreements provision is made that additional payments are to be made to workers who leave employment before they have taken their holiday. In the printing, paper-bag making and copperplate engraving (London) trades an employee who leaves after six months' service without having had his holiday receives one day's pay for each two months' service. Newspaper printers in London who leave employment before March 31st receive one-twelfth of two weeks' wages for each month's service since the previous October. The improvements which have taken place in working conditions since the armistice are considerable, but everybody seems too busy in chasing other desires to mark the strides that have been made. It is well sometimes to stop and note the milestones of advancement.

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Values of Exports and Imports.

EXPORTS from this country of printed books during the first seven months of this year amounted to 164,390 cwt., showing a slight improvement upon the corresponding period of last year (the figures for which were 125,959 cwt.), but being much below the standard of 1913, in the first seven months of which these exports amounted to 252,279 cwt. Changed values, however, are made plain by the fact that while the 1913 exports of 252,279 cwt. were priced at £1,458,795, the 1920 exports of 164,390 cwt. are valued at £2,038,472. A similar anomaly is noticeable in the case of printing type. Exports for the first seven

months of this year totalled 148 tons, priced at £39,438, as compared with a total for the corresponding period of 1919 of 105 tons, priced at £24,692, and with a 1913 figure of 343 tons, with a value of £58,979. Imports of printing type into this country amounted during the first seven months of this year to 19 tons, valued at £6,888, comparative figures being—1919, 17 tons at £5,597, and 1913, 35 tons at £6,463.



Paper Imports.

THERE was an increase of 217,398 cwts., or over 17 per cent. in the total imports of paper last month as compared with July, 1913, the respective totals being 1,424,768 cwts. and 1,207,370 cwts. The receipts of "printing and writing paper in large sheets" were on an extensive scale last month, amounting to 29.7 per cent. of the total imports; the actual quantity was 424,089 cwts., which, however, included 164,780 cwts. from Newfoundland and 122,830 cwts. from other countries, chiefly Canada. It is surprising to find that the arrivals of strawboard were so heavy last month, in view of the dislocation to Dutch mills caused by the protracted strike; the quantity was 401,087 cwts., representing over 28 per cent. of our total imports. Packings and wrappings find a big market in the United Kingdom, last month's supplies amounting to 375,987 cwts., or 26.3 per cent. of the total. The value (c.i.f.) of the imports during July of this year amounts to £3,452,614, as compared with only £706,912 in July, 1913, the increase being 388.3 per cent. The average price per cwt. of the paper imported in July, 1913, was 11.7s., and for last month 48.4s.

COMPOSITORS' RUSSIA BALLOT.—The result of the ballot of the London Society of Compositors on the question of direct action to prevent the threatened war with Russia, resulted in majorities being recorded in favour of a strike, and also of a levy. The two questions put to the members were:—(1) Are you in favour of giving the Executive power to call upon the members to cease work should that course be deemed necessary by the Council of Action? (2) Are you in favour of a sum equal to ½d. per member being contributed to the fund to be raised by the Trade Union Council Parliamentary Committee? The majorities were but small, as shown by the voting figures, which were:—(1) Yes, 4,638; no, 3,970; majority in favour, 668. (2) Yes, 4,748; no, 3,801; majority in favour, 947.

Personal.

VISCOUNT BURNHAM, during the visit of the Imperial Press delegates to the prairie town of Gleichen, was created "Chief Old Sun" by the Blackfoot Indian chiefs, this being the name of a famous chief who died 25 years ago.

HIS LORDSHIP has also had conferred upon him by the French President the Cross of the Order of the Legion of Honour.

SIR T. VANSITTART BOWATER has been spending a holiday at Ostend, where he again met the redoubtable Burgomaster Max of Brussels. The two had met just prior to the outbreak of the war, during the City Corporation's state visit to the Belgian capital. So bent was M. Max on enjoying more of Sir Vansittart's company that he accompanied him across the channel on his return to Dover.

MR. A. A. WHALLEY will resume his lectures at the L.C.C. School of Engraving and Lithography, Bolt-court, E.C.4, on September 27th.

MR. W. C. WARREN, of the National Society of Electrotypers and Stereotypers, is one of the employees' representatives on the new Southwark Branch of the Industrial League and Council.

MR. MAURICE MYERS has been appointed London manager of the Hassolel Co., the publishers of the *Palestine Daily Mail* and the *Palestine Weekly*.

MR. OSCAR R. CLARKE, who has been for many years buyer of stationery and books for Messrs. W. Dawson and Sons, Ltd., of Bream's-buildings, has resigned that position and has commenced business on his own account at 10, Thavies-inn, Holborn, W.C., as manufacturers' agent and exporter.

AN evening paper is being published in Manchester by the National Labour Press, it is called *The Evening Paper*. The venture is said to be inspired by the Manchester Typographical Society.

In the absence of the Manchester and Liverpool newspapers, some small printers attempted to reap a harvest out of the sale of 2d. hand-bills, giving racing winners.

The Manchester Guardian is to post to its subscribers a typewritten quarto-sized sheet containing briefly the principal news and, if possible, sporting results.

The Birmingham Fire Brigade was occupied for over an hour in dealing with a fire at the Nchells Grove premises of Messrs. Smith, Stone and Knight, Ltd.

Commercial Intelligence.

CURRENT SHARE PRICES.

Amalgamated Press, 5½. Pref., 15s. 9d.; Associated Newspapers, Pref., 15s. 9d., 7 p.c. Cum., 17s. 9d.; Cassell, 16s., 16s. 6d.; R. W. Crabtree and Sons, 8 p.c. Cum. Part. Pref. f.p., 15s. 3d.; J. Dickinson, 25s. 9d.; *Financial News*, 11s. 3d., 13s. 9d.; Ilford, 17s. 10½d., 18s. 4½d.; *Illustrated London News*, 2s. 6d., 2s. 3d.; International Linotype, 53; Lamson Paragon, 21s. 3d.; Lanston Monotype 17s. 3d.; Chas. Marsden, 23s. 3d., Pref., 20s. 6d.; Geo. Newnes, 12s. 6d., Pref. 11s. 3d.; C. A. Pearson, Pref., 60s.; Printing Machinery, 11s. 9d.; Roneo, 43s. 1½d., Pref., 13s. 9d.; Sunday Pictorial Newspapers, 1920, 8 p.c. Cum. Pref., 16s., 15s. 9d.; Wall-Paper Manufacturers, 20s. 10½d., 21s., Def., 15s., Pref., 13s. 5½d.; Weldons, Pref., 13s. 3d.; Wiggins, Teape and Co. (1919), f.p., 24s. 6d., 7 p.c. Cum. Pref., f.p., 18s. 3d., 18s. 9d.; Winterbottom Book Cloth, £18 14s.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY PRESS.—The report of the Aberdeen University Press for the year ended June 30th, 1920, states that the net profit, after providing for depreciation, amounts to £2,493, which with £2,229 brought forward makes £4,722. The directors recommend carrying to reserve £1,143 (making this fund £3,000), paying 12 per cent. dividend on the ordinary shares for the year on the reduced capital, less tax, and carrying forward, subject to directors' and auditors' fees, £1,817.

GEORGE NEWNES.—The profit of George Newnes, Ltd., for the year ended June 30th, after providing for all necessary reserves, etc., amounted to £71,269 (against £81,741 in the preceding year), to which is added £35,012 brought forward, making £106,281. From this has to be deducted £35,000, the amount absorbed by the payment of the interim dividends on the preference and ordinary shares, leaving a balance of £71,281. It is proposed to pay a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. on the ordinary shares, making 15 per cent. for the year (the same), to transfer £2,000 to employees' sick and pension fund (against £5,000), £5,000 for staff bonus (against nil), £10,000 to general reserve (against £20,000), leaving to be carried forward £34,281.

NEW COMPANIES.

METZLER AND CO. (1920), LTD.—Capital £50,000, in £1 shares (15,000 cum. pref.); publishers and sellers of music and works of art and literature, etc. Private company. Subscribers: E. W. Hook and A. H. Palmer. First directors: H. T. Brice, Marion Chappell, Herman Darewski and A. Spurrier. Registered office: 142, Charing Cross-road, W.C.2.

LONDON PAPER MILLS CO., LTD.—Capital £250,000, in £1 shares. First directors: A. R. Reed, E. P. Reed, C. L. Stevens, S. Cousins and H. L. Watson. Registered office: 50, Cannon-street, E.C.

H. BRASSINGTON AND SONS (LEEK), LTD.—Capital £10,000, in £1 shares; timber merchants, paper merchants, etc. Private company. Subscribers: L. J. Worthington, G. E. Watson, A. Fogg, S. Stannard, H. E. Whittles and H. T. Ward. Registered office: Jolliffe Mills, London-street, Leek, Staffs.

A. WEEKES AND CO., LTD.—Capital £36,000, in 3,925 1st. cum. pref. and 31,985 2nd. cum. pref. shares of £1 each and 1,800 management shares of 1s. each; publishers, retailers, importers, engravers and printers of music and music books, dealers in musical instruments, etc. Private company. First directors: A. T. Weekes, F. Watt, R. C. Weekes and C. F. Watt. Registered office: 14, Hanover-street, W.

VICTOR TYPEWRITER CO., GREAT BRITAIN, LTD.—Capital, £2,000, in £1 shares. Private company. First directors: A. Barlow, G. W. Knight, C. J. Sabiston and R. P. Baker.

PUNCH AND TICKET CO., LTD. (London).—Capital £30,000, in £1 shares; manufacturers of and dealers in ticket punches, ticket printers, paper manufacturers, etc. Private company. Subscribers: G. E. Weber and A. H. Hale. Subscribers appoint first directors.

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COMPANY MORTGAGES AND CHARGES.

Fresh Obligations registered pursuant to Section 10 of the Companies Act, 1907, and Satisfaction registered pursuant to Section 10 of the Companies Act, 1900. (The registration of Satisfaction is not compulsory.)

W. K. MORTON AND SONS, LTD. (in liquidation), (printers, etc., Horncastle, Lincs.)—Satisfaction in full on August 6th, 1920, of mortgage or charge dated July 14th, 1914, securing £550.

WHITEHEAD AND MILLER, LTD. (printers, etc., Leeds)—Mortgage dated August 10th, 1920, to secure £2,640, charged on 15, Elmwood-lane, Leeds. Holders: Leeds Permanent Benefit Building Society.

DE GRUCHY AND CO., LTD. (stationers, etc., London)—Particulars of £2,000 debentures authorised July 13th, 1920, present issue £1,000, charged on the company's undertaking and property, present and future, including uncalled capital. No trustees.

TOM BROWNE AND CO. (NOTTINGHAM), LTD. (fancy stationers, printers, etc.)—Deposit on August 17th, 1920, of deeds of certain land and premises in Holland-street, Hyson Green, Nottingham, to secure all moneys due or to become due from company to London County Westminster and Paris Bank, Ltd.

MARK AND MOODY, LTD. (printers, etc., Stourbridge)—Particulars of £2,100 debentures, authorised July 20th, 1920, whole amount issued; charged on the company's undertaking and property, present and future, including uncalled capital. Also satisfaction in full on August 14th, 1920, of debentures, authorised December 8th, 1903, securing £2,100.

CRESCENS ROBINSON AND CO., LTD. (manufacturing stationers, etc., Newington-causeway, S.E.)—Particulars of £35,000 debentures, authorised April 11th, 1920, present issue £11,750, charged on company's undertaking and property, present and future.

CAXTON PUBLISHING CO., LTD. (London)—Satisfaction to the extent of £800 on August 3rd, 1920, of debentures dated May 3rd, 1910, securing £40,000.

BANKRUPTCIES, etc.

J. W. MILWARD AND Co. (John Walter Milward, trading as), printing contractors, 368, Strand, W.C.—An adjourned meeting of creditors under the receiving order made against this debtor on July 21st, was held on August 26th at the London Bankruptcy Court. The first meeting stood adjourned to enable the debtor to submit a proposal, but the official receiver said that no proposal had been lodged, and he could not grant a further adjournment. A statement of the debtor's affairs showed gross liabilities £2,604, expected to rank for £1,544, and assets valued at £89. The creditors, by a majority, resolved that the debtor be adjudged bankrupt, and the case was left in the hands of the official receiver. The debtor at the close of the meeting said he was confident that he would be able to pay 5s. in the £ before long. The official receiver said that if the debtor had a reasonable hope of being able to carry through a proposal, he could apply to the Registrar in chambers to delay adjudication in bankruptcy.

GUIDO AJELLI, fine art publisher and printer, late of 22, Gray's-inn-road, W.C.—The first meeting of creditors under a receiving order made against this debtor, was held on August 25th, at the London Bankruptcy Court. The official receiver reported that the debtor in a preliminary examination, had stated that he formerly carried on business in Milan as agent for various firms of printers and publishers. When war broke out he volunteered for the Italian army, having first converted his business into a limited company. He was invalided from the army in June, 1917, and then decided to sever his connection with the company in Milan. A month later he came to England and took offices at 22, Gray's-inn-road, where he started business as agent and traveller for firms in the printing trade. He also bought and sold small quantities of goods on his own account. In January, 1919, desiring more capital, he registered G. Ajelli and Co. (Ltd.), of which he became managing director, to acquire his business. He recently resigned his directorship because of these bankruptcy proceedings and was now employed as traveller on commission. His failure was entirely due to the result of an action brought against him for goods supplied to the company in Milan while he was in the army. He defended the action on the ground that the company was a properly registered limited company and that he could not be held responsible, especially seeing that he received no benefit whatever from the goods. The judge decided against him, however, and judgment was entered for £170 and costs (about £50). The debtor estimated his liabilities at £300 and the assets consisted of book debts, the realisable value of which was uncertain. The case was left in the hands of the official receiver, who said that he would delay his application for an adjudication in bankruptcy for eight days in order to give the debtor an opportunity of submitting a proposal.

Notes and News for

The Bookbinder.

Prices of Materials.

BOOKBINDERS' leathers and other requirements still have a tendency to rise in price. With bookbinding increases added to the increase in the cost of production in all other branches of the trade, it is readily seen how the price of the finished book has reached its present high figure. Basils run about 1s. 4d. per square foot; pigskins 3s. 6d. to 4s. per square foot, compared with 1s. per square foot pre-war; cloth anything from 1s. 2d. to 1s. 10d. per square yard, compared with 5d. pre-war; coloured calf is very difficult to obtain and is almost out of the question; linen buckram is 6s. a yard, before the war it was 1s. 5d.; strawboards are a little easier, averaging about 32s. a cwt.; glue, 135s. a cwt., with a tendency to rise, compared with 35s. a cwt. pre-war; hand-sewn threads, with a tendency to rise, are about £6 10s. per dozen pounds, pre-war price 2s. 10d. per pound; stitching wire, 20s. per cwt., pre-war 12s. per cwt.; spools which used to cost 4s. 3d. are now 18s. 4d. (5,000 yards); vellum covers 15s., compared with 3s. 6d. pre-war.

To Bind or Not to Bind?

In the pages of several journals discussion has lately been occupied with the question of the soaring prices of books, and in this connection the increased cost of bookbinding has perhaps received more than its deserts in the matter of accountability for the higher rates.

Paper Covers Suggested.

MR. PHILIP GIBBS, in taking up the serious question of the unfortunate effect of the cost of book production in handicapping the new author, suggests the use of paper covers in the French and American style. A similar suggestion that has been made, is that new novels should, to reduce their cost, be published in periodical parts, as was very successfully done in the case of the works of Dickens and Thackeray. Another proposal is that we revert to the old "yellow-back" novel so popular 30 years ago. Such a reversion, it is claimed, would halve the cost of binding, and thus reduce the price, while for durability "paper boards" are not much below the flimsy "cloth" of to-day.

Demand for Bound Books.

FOR books of any permanent value boards of some kind will always be insisted upon by the book-lover. There is much weight in the contention of a correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle*, who writes: "Even with the pre-

sent heavy cost of binding, a novel which is sold now for 7s. 6d. would have to be sold for 6s. in paper covers, and, in my opinion, a book buyer who is willing to pay 7s. 6d. for a novel would rather pay that price for a decently cloth-bound copy, which would last for months or years, rather than a paper-covered book, which would only save him 1s. 6d., and become a dog-eared, disreputable article within a fortnight."

Bookbinding Machinery.

OF late years much of the bookbinders labour-saving machinery has come from abroad, the greater part of it from the United States (and, before the war, Germany), and marvellous indeed is the capacity of some of these appliances in the shape of folding machines, wire and thread stitchers, casing-in machines, collating machines and others. The introduction of such machinery in the large binding establishments has practically revolutionised their working methods, and instead of the old-time folders, sewers, forwarders and finishers, the bindery now employs highly-skilled men and women to attend to the appliances that have so greatly increased the output. This modern division of labour has become so specialised that a worker often has no idea of the processes leading up to his or her particular job, and beyond his own special section has no desire to master the whole mystery of the binding art. This, however, is the case in most trades, and we must accept the specialist instead of the old-time all-round man.

"TACK" IN GOLD LEAF WORK.—The discouraging and undesirable adhering of gold leaf in book cover work where it shouldn't, attributable to various causes, climatic conditions, excessive strength or dampness of size, etc., commonly termed "tack," the result of which is a waste of time, gold and material, may be prevented to a very great extent when the following is observed:—In the event of gold leaf adhering thus (particularly when stamping same on top of ink and on certain grades of imitation leather), before applying oil or grease which is to hold the gold, cover space taken up by gold with but a trace of powdered magnesia, in the same manner as if using gilding powder. This will absorb the "tack."

MR. M. GARDNER, of the *Alloa Journal*, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for Clackmannanshire.

Gazette.

A WORD OF CAUTION.

In giving the official Gazette information, it must be distinctly understood that we take official records as we find them, and accept no responsibility for inaccuracies, while, as an almost invariable rule, the facts will be found correct. We advise our readers, before forming hasty judgment, to consider that there may be in each case satisfactory explanation which does not appear on the records.—Ed.]

ENGLAND AND WALES.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1914.

RECEIVING ORDER.

Baldwin, W. W., 42, Ainslie Wood-road, South Chingford, Essex, compositor, lately newsagent, stationer and tobacconist. Date of order, August 20th, 1920, made on creditor's petition.

NOTICES OF INTENDED DIVIDENDS

Hobson, H. J., Norfolk House, 7, Laurence Pountney-hill, London, and 62, St. George's-road, London, S.W.1, papermakers' agent and merchant. Claims by September 10th to G. B. Manley, 80a, Coleman-street, E.C.2.

Lake, A. B., "Rydal," Leasowe-road, Wallacey, Cheshire, journalist. Claims by September 11th, 1920, to E. D. Symond, official receiver, 11, Dale-street, Liverpool.

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INKS & ADHESIVES.—(Mr. C. Ainsworth Mitchell, M.A., F.I.C.). Six Lectures and practical classes. Thurs., 7 to 9.30. Commencing October 7th. Fee 5s.

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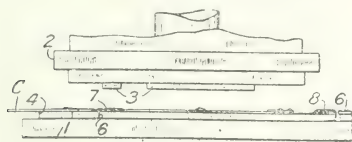
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then bringing the die into contact with a plane sheet or surface on which the powder is thinly spread. The cover C is registered on a plate 4 provided at its edge with an absorbent pad 8 saturated with oil or grease, the pad being, in the first place, moved over the dies 3, 7. The plate 4 is then registered against stops 6 and the platen 1 raised to stamp the cover against the dies 3, 7, which are carried by a fixed bed 2.

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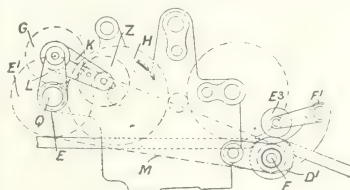
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Feeding Sheets.

Under an invention by Mr. G. Speiss the rollers which advance paper sheets, etc. to machines are arranged to be retarded or reversed slightly so as to cause the sheets to be retarded prior to reaching the registering devices. For this purpose the feed roller D¹, Fig. 1, is driven by direct gearing, or as shown by a sprocket chain M; from a shaft Q driven by an epicyclic train from a main driving wheel H. This train comprises an idler wheel G geared to a pinion E on the shaft Q and carried by a pivot which connects links L, K mounted respectively on the



shaft Q, and on the pivot of a spur wheel Z which is fixed eccentrically to the wheel H. The wheel Z is clamped in such a manner that it does not rotate on its pivot, and its pivot can be adjusted in a slot in the wheel H, so as to permit the motion transmitted to the feed wheels to be varied as desired. The feed roller D¹ as shown co-operates with an upper drop roller E³ mounted in an oscillating arm F¹. The application of the invention to sheet feed devices in which the sheets are fed in a banked condition from an upper feed table between a roller and a curved guide to a lower feed table is described.

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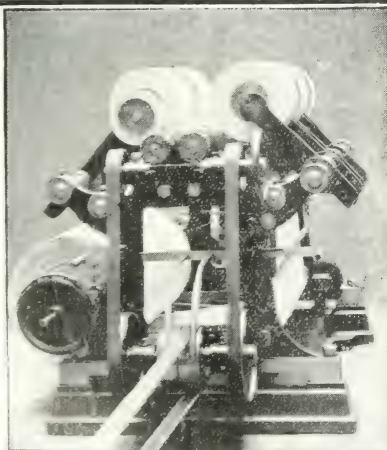
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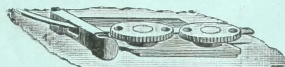
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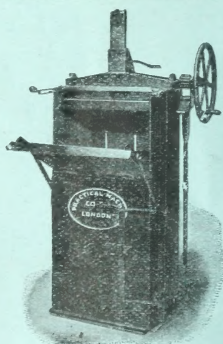
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